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1. SINCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE IS TRAVELING AND WILL NOT RETURN TO VIENNA UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER, PERMREP RAISED QUESTION OF PERSONNEL POSITIONS ON AUGUST 17 WITH HOLMES.

2. HOLMES, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM EXTENDED LEAVE, CONFIRMED REPORT OF HIS OWN APPOINTMENT TO DIRECTORSHIP OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 AND HIS PROMOTION TO D-2. HE SAID PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS BEING WITHHELD TEMPORARILY BECAUSE KHANE WANTS TO ANNOUNCE OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVE SHIFTS AT THE SAME TIME AND "CERTAIN AMBIGUITIES" REMAIN TO BE CLEARED UP. (COMMENT: MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT SIDDIQUI AND CARRE ARE ALSO BEING PROMOTED TO D-2. SIDDIQUI, WHO WAS KHANE'S ORIGINAL CHOICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION DIR-
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ECTORSHIP, IS EXPECTED TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES. CARRE, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTER AND HAD HOPED TO BE CONFIRMED AS DIRECTOR, WILL -- ACCORDING TO GRAPEVINE -- MOVE INTO KHANE'S OFFICE AS "A DEPUTY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR", NOT REPEAT NOT "DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR". PRESUMABLY THE AMBIGUITIES MENTIONED BY HOLMES RELATE TO THE RESPON-

SIBILITIES OF THE CARRE POSITION.)

3. PERMREP, AFTER CONGRATULATING HOLMES ON HIS PROMOTION, NOTED DECLINE IN U.S. REPRESENTATION IN SENIOR LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS AND SAID USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FIELDING AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR OPENING THAT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE OCCURRING IN PERSONNEL AREA AS A RESULT OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HE ASKED HOLMES FOR INFORMAL COMMENT ON PROSPECTS FOR SUCH CANDIDATES. HOLMES SAID IT WAS HIS HOPE TO MAKE A SERIES OF FOUR SHIFTS WITHIN UNIDO PERSONNEL RANKS TO FILL VACANCY IN HIS FORMER POSITION AS HEAD OF PERSONNEL SERVICES SECTION AND CONSEQUENT LOWER LEVEL VACANCIES. (HE DID NOT REVEAL SPECIFICS.) HE EXPECTS TO SEE KHANE IN PARIS ON AUGUST 20 AND SEEK KHANE'S APPROVAL FOR THE MOVES. HOLMES OFFERED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH MISSION AGAIN AFTER HE HAS SEEN KHANE.

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT REGARDING SLIM POSSIBILITIES FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR PERSONNEL POSITIONS WAS CORRECT. NO FURTHER ACTION SEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESENT. MISSION WILL REPORT IF HOLMES' PLAN GOES AWRY AND NEW POSSIBILITIES OPEN UP. LEARY

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